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1. FOLLOWING CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE IN NARCOTICS COUNTRY
PAPER FOR SPAIN:

- CHANGE PARAGRAPH 1 ("ILLCIT DRUG PROBLEM") TO READ:

-DRUG USE HAS BEEN INCREASING RAPIDLY IN SPAIN DURING
THE PAST 1-2 YEARS. ALTHOUGH IT HAS NOT YET REACHED
ALARMING PROPORTIONS SPANISH NARCOTIC OFFICIALS
BELIEVE SPAIN'S ABUSE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS.

-THE MOST COMMONLY ABUSED DRUGS ARE CANNABIS, LSD,
AND AMPHETAMINES. THERE IS ALSO SOME COCAINE USAGE
AND A GROWING RATE OF OPIATE ABUSE. AMPHETAMINES
ARE MANUFACTURED IN SPAIN AND SOME FIND THEIR WAY
INTO THE ILLICIT MARKETS OF OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS.
THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT SPANISH AMPHETAMINES ARE
REACHING THE ILLICIT U.S. MARKET. THE SPANISH
GOVERNMENT IS EXPERIMENTING WITH OPIUM PRODUCTION
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FOR MEDICINAL USES. SO FAR THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE
OF DIVERSION OF ANY OF THIS OPIUM INTO ILLICIT CHANNELS.

-SPAIN HAS BEEN AND CONTINUES TO BE A TRANSIT COUNTRY.
ABOUT 85 PER CENT OF THE DRUGS WHICH ENTER SPAIN ARE
IN TRANSIT STATUS. SPAIN'S PROXIMITY TO MOROCCO HAS
MADE IT AN IDEAL TRANSIT POINT FOR HASHISH, BY FAR

THE MOST COMMON ILLICIT DRUG IN SPAIN.

-PARAGRAPH 2, THIRD SUBPARAGRAPH - ADD AFTER FIRST WORD
"TRAFFICKING" SO AS TO READ "DRUG TRAFFICKING LAWS..";

- PARAGRAPH 3, THIRD SUBPARAGRAPH: SECOND SENTENCE SHOULD
READ "BY OCTOBER 1978, 8 CIVIL GUARD OFFICERS AND 8
DGS OFFICERS HAD RECEIVED TRAINING AT THE DEA INTER-
NATIONAL SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON."

2. OTHER THAN CHANGES RECOMMENDED ABOVE THE PAPER
APPEARS TO BE CURRENT. APPARENTLY THE LARGE DISCREPANCY
NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 AS TO NUMBERS OF SPANISH OFFICIALS
TRAINED IN WASHINGTON WAS A RESULT OF INCLUDING THOSE
SPANISH OFFICIALS TRAINED IN SPAIN AS PART OF TOTAL.
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